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Information Guide



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Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the fabulous City of Las Vegas. The City has seen unprecedented growth over the past several decades and is well-positioned to becoming a world class city with a downtown revitalization effort that is unparalleled. Both urban and suburban growth within the city limits have culminated in an environment that is healthy for the community and a focal point for tourists from around the world.

This world class vision is due to the talented and forward thinking of the City's Mayor and Council. Their leadership, guidance, and perseverance through times of surplus and economic challenges have taken the City to a level of excellence that has been recognized both nationally and internationally.

As you may be considering a campaign for either the office of City Council or the Mayor, I would encourage you to take the time to read through this manual, talk with the current City Council Members, and ask questions of the members of the management team. Their insights and the information that is available about the City will be helpful to you in your decision making process.

The role of the elected officials in the City is both challenging and rewarding. As you will learn from this manual, there are sixteen city departments, over 2,700 employees, and thousands of programs and services that are offered to the community every day. The City is a dynamic organization that is ever changing to meet the demands of the community as determined by the priorities of the City Council.

I hope you find the following information useful. If you have questions that are not answered in the following pages, please feel free to contact me. Also, if you have discovered another venue for serving the community through service in any one of our many boards or commissions, please speak to your sitting City Council Member or a member of the City Clerk's Office to learn more about how you can contribute to making this the world class city it is destined to become.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth N. Fretwell".

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LAS VEGAS CITY CHARTER
Chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983

AN ACT incorporating the City of Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada, under a new charter,
defining the boundaries thereof, and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

[Approved May 26, 1983]

<http://lasvegasnevada.gov/files/CityCharter.pdf>

City Council Duties & Responsibilities

City Charter Sec. 1.140-2.350 (Article II – Legislative)

Sec. 2.010 General provisions.

1. The municipal government and the legislative power of the City is vested in a City Council which consists of a Mayor and one Councilman from each ward.
2. Members of the City Council may vote on any lease, contract or other agreement which extends beyond their respective terms of office.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1394; A—Ch. 187, [Stats. 1999 p. 915](#))

Sec. 2.020 Mayor and Councilmen: Qualifications; terms of office; salary.

1. The Mayor must be a qualified elector who has resided within the territory which is established by the boundaries of the City for a period of not less than 30 days immediately before the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for that office and be elected by the registered voters of the City at large.
2. Each Councilman must be a qualified elector who has resided within the ward which he represents for a period of not less than 30 days immediately before the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for his office and be elected by the registered voters of that ward.
3. The Mayor or any Councilman automatically forfeits the remainder of his term of office and that office becomes vacant if he ceases to be a resident of the City or of the ward which he represents, as the case may be.
4. The respective salaries of the Mayor and Councilmen must be fixed by ordinance.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1394)

Sec. 2.030 Mayor: Duties; Mayor pro tempore; duties.

1. The Mayor shall preside over and conduct the meetings of the City Council.
2. The City Council shall elect one of its members to be Mayor pro tempore. That person:
 - (a) Shall hold that office and title without additional compensation during the term for which he was elected as Mayor pro tempore.
 - (b) Possesses the powers and shall perform the duties of Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor.
 - (c) Shall act as Mayor until the next municipal election, if the office of Mayor becomes vacant.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1394)

Sec. 2.040 Mayor and Councilmen not to hold other office.

1. The Mayor and Councilmen may not:
 - (a) Hold any other elective office of the State or any political subdivision of the State or any other employment with the County or the City, except as is provided by law or as a member of a board or commission for which no compensation is received.
 - (b) Be appointed to any office which was created, or the compensation for which was increased or fixed, by the City Council until 1 year after the expiration of the term for which the Mayor or Councilman was elected or appointed.
2. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 automatically forfeits his office as Mayor or Councilman.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1394; A—Ch. 338, [Stats. 2007 p. 1533](#))

Sec. 2.050 Meetings: Regular and special; time and place; notice.

1. The City Council shall prescribe by ordinance the day or days, time and place of its regular meetings. At least one regular meeting must be held during each month.
2. The regular meeting day or days must remain unchanged unless notice of the proposed change is published in the manner provided for the publication of notices which are required by article VIII of this Charter.
3. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or of two Councilmen, by giving a minimum of 6 hours' written notice of the special meeting to the Mayor and to each Councilman before the meeting, served personally or left at his usual place of abode, but the Mayor or any Councilman may waive service of that notice upon him before, at or after the meeting.
4. At a special meeting:
 - (a) Unless all of the members of the City Council are present, no business may be transacted except that which has been stated in the call of the meeting.
 - (b) No ordinance may be passed except an emergency ordinance or one whose enactment as if an emergency existed is permitted by [chapter 350](#) of NRS or section 7.020 or 8.210 of this Charter.
 - (c) No vote of the City Council may be reconsidered unless there is present at least as large a number of the members of the City Council as were present when the matter was previously voted upon.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1395)

Sec. 2.060 Meetings: Quorum.

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 241.0355](#), a majority of all members of the City Council constitutes a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may meet and recess from time to time or compel the attendance of the absent members, or both, under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.
2. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 241.0355](#), and unless otherwise provided by any other provision of law, including sections 1.160, 2.100 and 3.050 and subsection 3 of section 2.110 of this Charter, the concurrence of a majority of a quorum of the City Council is necessary to pass any proposition.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1395; A—Ch. 255, [Stats. 2001 p. 1131](#))

Sec. 2.070 Oaths and affirmations. The Mayor, each Councilman and the City Clerk may administer oaths and affirmations which relate to any business which pertains to the City before the City Council or is to be considered by the City Council.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1395)

Sec. 2.080 City Council: Judging qualifications and discipline of members; power of subpoena; enforcement of subpoenas.

1. The City Council may:
 - (a) Judge the qualifications and election of its own members.
 - (b) Adopt rules for the government of its members and proceedings.
 - (c) Provide for the punishment of any member for disorderly conduct which is committed in its presence.
 - (d) Order the attendance of witnesses and the production of all documents which relate to any business before the City Council.
2. In order to assure the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, if any person who is ordered to appear before the City Council fails to obey that order:
 - (a) The City Council or any member thereof may apply to the clerk of the district court for a subpoena which commands the attendance of that person before the City Council.
 - (b) The clerk of the district court may issue the subpoena, and any peace officer may serve it.

(c) If the person upon whom the subpoena is served fails to obey it, the court may issue an order to show cause why that person would not be held in contempt of court and, upon a hearing of the matter, may adjudge that person guilty of contempt and punish him accordingly.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1395)

Sec. 2.090 Powers of City Council: Ordinances; resolutions and orders.

1. The City Council may make and adopt all ordinances, resolutions and orders, not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Nevada or the provisions of NRS or of this Charter, which are necessary for the municipal government, the management of the affairs of the City and the execution of all of the powers which are vested in the City.
2. The City Council may enforce those ordinances by providing penalties which do not exceed those which are established by the Legislature for misdemeanors.
3. The City Council may not adopt any ordinance which provides for an increase or a decrease in the salary of any of its members to take effect during the term for which that member is elected or appointed, but the City Council may by ordinance increase or decrease the salary for the office of Mayor or City Councilman at any time before the day preceding the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy for that office for the next succeeding term to take effect on the first day of the next succeeding term.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1396; A—Ch. 127, Stats. 1989 p. 283)

Sec. 2.100 Ordinances: Adoption by bill; amendments; subject matter; title.

1. No ordinance may be adopted except by bill and by the majority vote of the entire City Council. The style of all ordinances must be as follows: “The City Council of the City of Las Vegas does ordain:”.
2. No ordinance may contain more than one general subject matter and matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected with the general subject matter, and the subject must be briefly indicated in the title.

If the subjects of the ordinance are not expressed in the title, the ordinance is void as to those matters which are not expressed in the title.

3. Any ordinance which amends an existing ordinance or an existing section or sections of a codification of ordinances must set out in full the ordinance or sections of the ordinance or the section or sections of the codification of ordinances which are to be amended and indicate any matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and any new matter by underscoring it or by italics.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1396)

Sec. 2.110 Ordinances: Procedure for enactment; emergency ordinances.

1. All proposed ordinances, when they are first proposed, must be read to the City Council by title and may be referred for consideration to a committee which is composed of any number of members of the City Council who are designated by the Mayor, after which an adequate number of copies of the proposed ordinance must be deposited with the City Clerk for public examination and distribution upon request. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and for the adoption of specialized or uniform codes, notice of the deposit must be published once at least 10 days before the adoption of the ordinance. The City Council must adopt or reject the ordinance, or an amendment thereto, within 60 days after the date of that publication. A committee described in this subsection shall meet as often as is reasonably necessary but not less frequently than once each calendar quarter.
2. Following the first reading by title, an ordinance that has been referred pursuant to subsection 1 must be considered by the committee. Such committee must report its recommendations, if any, to the City Council. Regardless of whether a proposed ordinance is referred to a committee pursuant to subsection 1, it must be read by title as first introduced, or as amended, and finally voted upon or action thereon

postponed, but the proposed ordinance must be adopted, with or without amendments, or rejected within 60 days after the date of the publication which is provided for in subsection 1.

3. In cases of emergency or where the ordinance is of a kind whose enactment as if an emergency existed is permitted by a provision of NRS or section 7.020 or 8.210, final action, upon the unanimous vote of the entire City Council, may be taken immediately or at a special meeting which has been called for that purpose, and no notice of the filing of copies of the proposed ordinance with the City Clerk need be published.

4. Each ordinance must be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and published at least once by title, together with the names of the members of the City Council who voted for or against its adoption, and the ordinance becomes effective on the day after that publication. The City Council may, by majority vote, order the publication of the ordinance in full in lieu of publication by title only.

5. The City Clerk shall record all ordinances which have been adopted in a register which is kept for that purpose, together with the affidavits of publication by the publisher.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1397; A—Ch. 568, Stats. 1991 p. 1882; Ch. 338, [Stats. 2007 p. 1533](#))

Sec. 2.120 Powers of City Council: Exercise by ordinance. When a power is conferred upon the City Council to do and perform any act or thing, and the manner of exercising that power is not specifically provided, the City Council may provide by ordinance the manner and details which are necessary for the full exercise of that power.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1398)

Sec. 2.130 Powers of City Council: Denial, suspension or revocation of work permit; appeal to City Council; alternative procedure established by City Council. Whenever under any city ordinance a person is required to obtain a work permit or an identification card from the Sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department or any City officer as a condition of employment in any establishment which has been determined to be privileged by the City Council and licensed by the City, and his work permit or identification card is denied, suspended or revoked by the Sheriff or City officer, the person aggrieved may, by filing a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 10 days after the date of the denial, suspension or revocation of his work permit or identification card, appeal from that action to:

1. The City Council, unless the City Council has designated an administrative body pursuant to subsection 2; or
2. Any administrative body that the City Council has designated to hear such appeals. If such an administrative body denies a person's appeal, the person may appeal to the City Council.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1398; A—Ch. 338, [Stats. 2007 p. 1534](#))

Sec. 2.140 Powers of City Council: Public property, buildings. The City Council may:

1. Erect and maintain all buildings which are necessary for the use of the City.
2. Purchase, receive, hold, sell, lease, convey and dispose of property, real, personal or mixed and wherever situate, for the benefit of the City, improve and protect that property and do all other things in relation to that property which a natural person might or could do.
3. Acquire property within or without the corporate boundaries of the City for any City purpose, in fee simple or any lesser interest or estate, by purchase, exchange, gift, demise, lease or condemnation.
4. Sell, exchange, lease, hold, manage and control the property of the City as the interest of the City may require or as will result in the maximum benefit to the City from that action.
5. Purchase or sell property for economic development. Any property which is purchased or sold for economic development may be purchased or sold above, at or below its fair market value upon a finding by the City Council that the purchase or sale of that property will have a favorable effect upon the economic development of the City.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1398; A—Ch. 639, Stats. 1985 p. 2086; Ch. 460, Stats. 1989 p. 974)

Sec. 2.145 Powers of City Council: Lease or lease-purchase agreement for construction or remodeling of building or facility; conveyance of property; applicability of certain provisions to agreement for construction or remodeling of building or facility.

1. The City Council may enter into an agreement with a person whereby the person agrees to construct or remodel a building or facility according to specifications adopted by the City Council and thereupon enter into a lease or a lease-purchase agreement with the City Council for that building or facility.
2. The City Council may convey property to a person where the purpose of the conveyance is the entering into of an agreement contemplated by subsection 1.
3. The provisions of [NRS 338.010](#) to [338.090](#), inclusive, apply to any agreement for the construction or remodeling of a building or facility entered into pursuant to subsection 1.

(Added—Ch. 244, [Stats. 2007 p. 836](#))

Sec. 2.147 Powers of City Council: Affordable housing.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in addition to any other powers authorized by specific statute, the City Council may exercise such powers and enact such ordinances, not in conflict with the laws of this State, as the City Council determines are necessary and proper for the development and provision of affordable housing.
2. The City Council shall not impose or increase a tax for the purposes set forth in subsection 1 unless the tax or increase is otherwise authorized by specific statute.

(Added—Ch. 338, [Stats. 2007 p. 1531](#))

Sec. 2.150 Powers of City Council: Licensing, regulation and prohibition of businesses, trades and professions.

1. The City Council may:
 - (a) Except as is otherwise provided in subsection 2 and [NRS 598D.150](#) and [640C.100](#), license and regulate all lawful businesses, trades and professions.
 - (b) Fix, impose and collect a license tax for regulation or for revenue, or both, upon all businesses, trades and professions and provide an equitable standard for fixing those license taxes.
 - (c) Suspend or revoke the license of any business, trade or profession for failing to comply with any regulation of the City in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.
2. No person, firm or corporation which is licensed by an agency of the State to conduct or practice any business, trade or profession, except as is otherwise provided in subsection 3, may be denied a license to conduct or practice that business, trade or profession, nor may the license be suspended or revoked, if:
 - (a) That person, firm or corporation complies with all of the regulations which are established by that agency and pays to the City such license taxes and related fees and posts such bond or bonds as may be prescribed by ordinance; and
 - (b) The location of the business, trade or profession complies with all of the requirements of all of the zoning, building, plumbing, electrical, safety and fire prevention codes or regulations of the City.
3. The City Council may provide, by ordinance, regulations which restrict the number, location and method of operation of and the qualifications for ownership in:
 - (a) Liquor-dispensing or gaming establishments, or both;
 - (b) Businesses which are engaged in the manufacture or distribution, or both, of liquor or gaming devices; and
 - (c) Such other businesses, trades and professions as may be declared by ordinance to be privileged, and regulations which prescribe the circumstances under and the manner in which licenses with respect to those establishments, businesses, trades and professions may be denied, limited, suspended or revoked.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1398; A—Ch. 465, [Stats. 2003 p. 2898](#); Ch. 325, [Stats. 2005 p. 1142](#))

Sec. 2.160 Powers of City Council: Police ordinances.

1. The City Council may enact and enforce such local police ordinances as are not in conflict with the general laws of the State.

2. Any offense which is made a misdemeanor by the laws of the State shall also be deemed to be a misdemeanor against the City whenever that offense is committed within the City.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1399)

Sec. 2.170 Powers of City Council: Fire protection; regulation of explosives, inflammable materials; fire codes and regulations. The City Council may:

1. Organize, regulate and maintain a Fire Department.

2. Regulate or prohibit the storage in or the transportation through the City of any explosive, combustible or inflammable material and prescribe the location within the City where those materials may be kept. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this subsection that regulates places of employment where explosives are stored must be at least as stringent as the standards and procedures adopted by the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry pursuant to [NRS 618.890](#).

3. Establish by ordinance a fire code and other regulations which are necessary to provide for the prevention of and protection against fires and to carry out the purposes of this section.

4. Suspend or revoke the license of any business for its failure to comply with any regulation which is adopted pursuant to this section.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1399; A—Ch. 391, [Stats. 1999 p. 1862](#))

Sec. 2.180 Powers of City Council: Public health; Board of Health; regulations. The City Council may:

1. Provide for safeguarding the public health in the City.

2. Create a Board of Health and prescribe the powers and duties of that Board.

3. Provide for the enforcement of all regulations and quarantines which are established by the Board of Health by imposing adequate penalties for violations of those regulations and quarantines.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1400)

Sec. 2.190 Powers of City Council: Treatment of alcoholics and narcotics addicts. The City Council may provide for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics and narcotic addicts in City facilities or for the support and maintenance of those alcoholics and addicts and their treatment and rehabilitation in facilities which are furnished by individual persons or private or public institutions, corporations or associations.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1400)

Sec. 2.200 Powers of City Council: Buildings; construction and maintenance regulations; building and safety codes. Subject to the limitations which are contained in [NRS 278.580](#), [278.583](#) and [444.340](#) to [444.430](#), inclusive, the City Council may:

1. Regulate all matters which relate to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, structures and property within the City.

2. Adopt any building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or safety code which is necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such fees as may be necessary.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1400)

Sec. 2.210 Powers of City Council: Zoning and planning.

1. The City Council may:

(a) Divide the City into districts and regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or use of buildings, structures or land within those districts.

(b) Establish and adopt ordinances and regulations which relate to the subdivision of land.

2. The City Council must carry out the provisions of subsection 1 in the manner which is prescribed by [chapter 278](#) of NRS.
(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1400)

Sec. 2.220 Powers of City Council: Rights-of-way, parks, public buildings and grounds and other public places. The City Council may:

1. Lay out, maintain, alter, improve or vacate all public rights-of-way in the City.
 2. Regulate the use of public parks, buildings, grounds and rights-of-way and prevent the unlawful use of those public places.
 3. Require landowners to keep the adjacent streets, sidewalks, public parks, buildings and grounds free from encroachments or obstructions.
 4. Regulate and prevent in all public places:
 - (a) The distribution and exhibition of handbills or signs.
 - (b) Any practice which tends to annoy persons passing in those public places.
 - (c) Public demonstrations and processions.
 5. Prevent riots or any act which tends to promote riots in any public place.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1400)

Sec. 2.230 Powers of City Council: Traffic control. The City Council may by ordinance regulate:

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 707.375](#), all vehicular, pedestrian and other traffic within the City and provide generally for the public safety on the public streets, publicly owned parking lots, parking areas to which the public is invited and public rights-of-way.
 2. The length of time for which vehicles may be parked upon the public streets and publicly owned parking lots.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1401; A—Ch. 237, [Stats. 2003 p. 1253](#))

Sec. 2.240 Powers of City Council: Parking meters; off-street public parking facilities.

1. The City Council may acquire, install, maintain, operate and regulate parking meters at the curbs of the streets or upon publicly owned property which is made available for public parking. The parking fees which are to be charged for the use of the parking facilities which are regulated by parking meters must be fixed by the City Council.
 2. Except as is otherwise provided in this Charter, the City Council may acquire property within the City by any lawful means, including eminent domain, for the purpose of establishing public parking facilities for vehicles off the streets. The City Council may, in any bonds which are issued to acquire property for this purpose, pledge the revenues from parking on the streets or the general credit of the City, or both, to secure the payment of the principal and interest on those bonds.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1401)

Sec. 2.250 Powers of City Council: Rail transportation. The City Council may: § 2.250

1. License, regulate, establish or prohibit any means of transportation which has fixed rails in, upon, over or under any public right-of-way.
2. Grant a franchise to any person, firm or corporation to operate any means of transportation in, upon, over or under the public rights-of-way and adjacent property.
3. Declare a nuisance and require the removal of the fixed rails of any means of transportation in, upon, over or under any public right-of-way.
4. Subject to [NRS 704.300](#), condemn rights-of-way for any public purpose across a right-of-way which is owned or otherwise controlled by any company which owns or operates any means of transportation.
5. Prescribe the length of time any public right-of-way may be obstructed by trains or similar means of conveyance standing on that right-of-way.

6. Require any company which owns or operates any means of transportation to provide protection against injuries to persons or property.
 7. Require railroad companies to fence their tracks and to construct cattle guards and crossings and keep them in repair.
 8. Compel any company which owns or operates any means of transportation to provide a means by which the drainage from the property which is adjacent to its right-of-way is not to be impaired.
 9. Subject to [NRS 704.300](#), compel any company which owns or operates any means of transportation to raise or lower its fixed rails to conform to any grade which has been or will be established by the City, so that those rails may be crossed over or under at any place on the public right-of-way.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1401; A—Ch. 513, Stats. 1997 p. 2446)

Sec. 2.260 Powers of City Council: Nuisances. The City Council may:

1. Determine by ordinance what are nuisances.
 2. Provide for the abatement, prevention and removal of those nuisances at the expense of the person who creates, causes or commits those nuisances.
 3. Provide that the expense of removal of those nuisances is a lien upon the property upon which each nuisance is located. That lien:
 - (a) Must be perfected by filing with the County Recorder a statement by the City Clerk in which he states the amount of the expenses which are due and unpaid and describes the property which is subject to the lien.
 - (b) Is coequal with the latest lien upon that property to secure the payment of general taxes.
 - (c) Is not subject to extinguishment by the sale of any property on account of the nonpayment of general taxes.
 - (d) Is prior and superior to all liens, claims, encumbrances and titles, other than the liens of assessments and general taxes.
 - (e) May be enforced or foreclosed in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.
 4. Provide any other penalty for or punishment of any person who is responsible for any nuisance.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1402)

Sec. 2.270 Powers of City Council: Animals and poultry. The City Council may:

1. Fix, impose and collect an annual license tax on all animals and provide for the capture and disposal of all of the animals with respect to which that tax is not paid.
 2. Regulate or prohibit the running at large and disposal of all kinds of animals and fowl.
 3. Establish, operate and maintain an animal shelter.
 4. Prohibit cruelty to animals.
 5. Provide regulations for the prevention of diseases of animals and fowl.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1402)

Sec. 2.280 Powers of City Council: Abatement of noxious insects, rats and disease-bearing organisms. The City Council may take all steps which are necessary and proper for the extermination of noxious insects, rats and other disease-bearing organisms, either in the City or in the territory which is outside the City but so situate that insects, rats and disease-bearing organisms may migrate or be carried into the City.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1403)

Sec. 2.290 Powers of City Council: Sanitary sewer facilities. The City Council may:

1. Provide for a sanitary sewer system, or any part of a sanitary sewer system, and obtain property for that system, either within or without the City.

2. Sell any product or by-product of that system and acquire the appropriate outlets, both within and without the City, and extend the sewer lines to those outlets.
 3. Establish sewer service fees or sewer connection fees, or both, and provide for the enforcement and collection of those fees.
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1403)

Sec. 2.300 Powers of City Council: Provision of utilities.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and section 2.315, the City Council may:
 - (a) Provide, by contract, franchise or public ownership or operation, for any utility to be furnished to the residents of the City.
 - (b) Provide for the construction and maintenance of any facility which is necessary for the provision of those utilities.
 - (c) Prescribe, revise and collect rates, fees, tolls and charges, including fees for connection, for the services, facilities or commodities which are furnished by any municipally owned or municipally operated utility or undertaking and no rate, fee, toll or charge for the services, facilities or commodities which are furnished by any municipally owned or municipally operated utility or undertaking may be prescribed, revised, amended, altered, increased or decreased without proceeding as follows:
 - (1) There must be filed with the City Clerk and available for public inspection schedules of all rates, fees, tolls and charges which the City has established and which are in force at that time for any service which is performed or product which is furnished in connection with any utility which is owned or operated by the City.
 - (2) No change may be made in any of those schedules except upon 30 days' notice to the inhabitants of the City and the holding of a public hearing with respect to the proposed change. Notice of the proposed change must be given by at least two publications during the 30-day period before the hearing.
 - (3) At the time which is set for the hearing on the proposed change, any person may appear and be heard and offer any evidence in support of or against the proposed change.
 - (4) Every utility which is owned or operated by the City shall furnish reasonably adequate service and facilities, and the charges which are made for any service which is or will be rendered, or for any service which is connected with or incidental to any service which is or will be rendered, by the City must be just and reasonable.
2. Any rate, fee, toll or charge, including any fee for connection which is due for services, facilities or commodities which are furnished by the City or by any utility which is owned or operated by the City pursuant to this section is a lien upon the property to which the service is rendered. The lien:
 - (a) Must be perfected by filing with the County Recorder of the County a statement by the City Clerk in which he states the amount which is due and unpaid and describes the property which is subject to the lien.
 - (b) Is coequal with the latest lien upon that property to secure the payment of general taxes.
 - (c) Is not subject to extinguishment by the sale of any property on account of the nonpayment of general taxes.
 - (d) Is prior and superior to all liens, claims, encumbrances and titles, other than the liens of assessments and general taxes.
 - (e) May be enforced and foreclosed in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.
3. The City Council:
 - (a) Shall not sell telecommunication service to the general public.
 - (b) May purchase or construct facilities for providing telecommunication that intersect with public rights-of-way if the governing body:
 - (1) Conducts a study to evaluate the costs and benefits associated with purchasing or constructing the facilities; and

- (2) Determines from the results of the study that the purchase or construction is in the interest of the general public.
 4. Any information relating to the study conducted pursuant to subsection 3 must be maintained by the City Clerk and made available for public inspection during the business hours of the Office of the City Clerk.
 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 3, an airport may sell telecommunication service to the general public.
 6. As used in this section:
 - (a) “Telecommunication” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 704.025](#).
 - (b) “Telecommunication service” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 704.028](#).
- (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1403; A—Ch. 565, Stats. 1997 p. 2755; Ch. 416, [Stats. 2001 p. 2100](#); Ch. 216, [Stats. 2007 p. 721](#))

Sec. 2.310 Powers of City Council: Acquisition or establishment of City utility.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 2.300 and section 2.315, the City Council, on behalf of the City and in its name, may acquire, establish, hold, manage and operate, alone or with any other government or any instrumentality or subdivision of any government, any public utility in the manner which is provided in this section.
2. The City Council must adopt a resolution which sets forth fully and in detail:
 - (a) The public utility which is proposed to be acquired or established.
 - (b) The estimated cost of that utility, as shown in a recent report, which has been approved by the City Council, of an engineer or consulting firm which had previously been appointed by the City Council for that purpose.
 - (c) The proposed bonded indebtedness which must be incurred to acquire or establish that utility, the terms, amount and rate of interest of that indebtedness and the time within which, and the fund from which, that indebtedness is redeemable.
 - (d) That a public hearing on the advisability of acquiring the public utility will be held at the first regular meeting of the City Council after the final publication of the resolution.
3. The resolution must be published in full at least once a week for 4 successive weeks.
4. At the first regular meeting of the City Council, or any adjournment of that meeting, after the completion of the publication, the City Council may, without an election, enact an ordinance for that purpose, which must conform in all respects to the terms and conditions of the resolution, unless, within 30 days after the final publication of the resolution, a petition is filed with the City Clerk which has been signed by a number of registered voters of the City which is not less than 15 percent of the registered voters of the City, as shown by the last preceding registration list, who own not less than 10 percent in assessed value of the taxable property within the City, as shown by the last preceding tax list or assessment roll, and which prays for the submission of the question of the enactment of the proposed ordinance at a special election or the next primary or general municipal election or primary or general state election. Upon the filing of that petition, the proposed ordinance may not be enacted or be effective for any purpose unless, at a special election or primary or general municipal election or primary or general state election, a majority of the votes which are cast in that election are cast in favor of the enactment of the ordinance.
5. A special election may be held only if the City Council determines, by a unanimous vote, that an emergency exists. The determination made by the City Council is conclusive unless it is shown that the City Council acted with fraud or a gross abuse of discretion. An action to challenge the determination made by the City Council must be commenced within 15 days after the City Council’s determination is final. As used in this subsection, “emergency” means any unexpected occurrence or combination of occurrences which requires immediate action by the City Council to prevent or mitigate a substantial

financial loss to the City or to enable the City Council to provide an essential service to the residents of the City.

6. If the proposed ordinance is adopted, without an election or as a result of an election, the City Council may issue bonds to obtain revenue for acquiring or constructing systems, plants, works, instrumentalities and properties which are needed in connection with that public utility.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1404; A—Ch. 345, Stats. 1993 p. 1101; Ch. 565, Stats. 1997 p. 2756; Ch. 416, Stats. 2001 p. 2101)

Sec. 2.315 Franchises for the provision of telecommunication service.

1. The City Council shall not:

(a) Impose any terms or conditions on a franchise for the provision of telecommunication service or interactive computer service other than terms or conditions concerning the placement and location of the telephone or telegraph lines and fees imposed for a business license or the franchise, right or privilege to construct, install or operate such lines.

(b) Require a company that provides telecommunication service or interactive computer service to obtain a franchise if it provides telecommunication service over the telephone or telegraph lines owned by another company.

(c) Require a person who holds a franchise for the provision of telecommunication service or interactive computer service to place its facilities in ducts or conduits or on poles owned or leased by the City.

2. As used in this section:

(a) “Interactive computer service” has the meaning ascribed to it in 47 U.S.C. § 230(f)(2), as that section existed on January 1, 2007.

(b) “Telecommunication service” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 704.028](#).

(Added—Ch. 565, Stats. 1997 p. 2754; A—Ch. 216, Stats. 2007 p. 723)

Sec. 2.320 Powers of City Council: Cemeteries; acquisition and maintenance. The City Council may, by any lawful means, acquire, control and maintain property for public use as cemeteries and may from time to time enlarge, abolish or sell any cemetery which has been established or is owned by the City.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1405)

Sec. 2.330 Powers of City Council: Television franchises. Repealed. (See chapter 326, [Statutes of Nevada 2007](#), at page 1401.)

Sec. 2.350 Powers of City Council: General. The City Council has such other powers, which are not in conflict with the express or implied provisions of this Charter, as are conferred generally by statute upon the governing bodies of cities which are organized under special charters. (Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1406)

ARTICLE III - Executive Department

Sec. 3.010 Mayor: Executive powers. The Mayor:

1. Is the Chief Executive Officer of the City government.

2. Shall take all proper measures for the preservation of the public peace and order and the suppression of riots, tumults and all forms of public disturbances, for which purposes he may request assistance from the Sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. If the local law enforcement forces are inadequate, he may call upon the Governor for military aid in the manner provided by law.

3. Shall perform such other emergency duties as may be necessary for the public health, safety, prosperity, security, general welfare and orderly government of the City and its inhabitants.

4. Must sign all contracts, resolutions and ordinances which have been approved by the City Council.

If the Mayor refuses to sign any contract, resolution or ordinance which has been approved by the City Council within 5 days after he has received it, the Mayor pro tempore shall, at the direction of the City

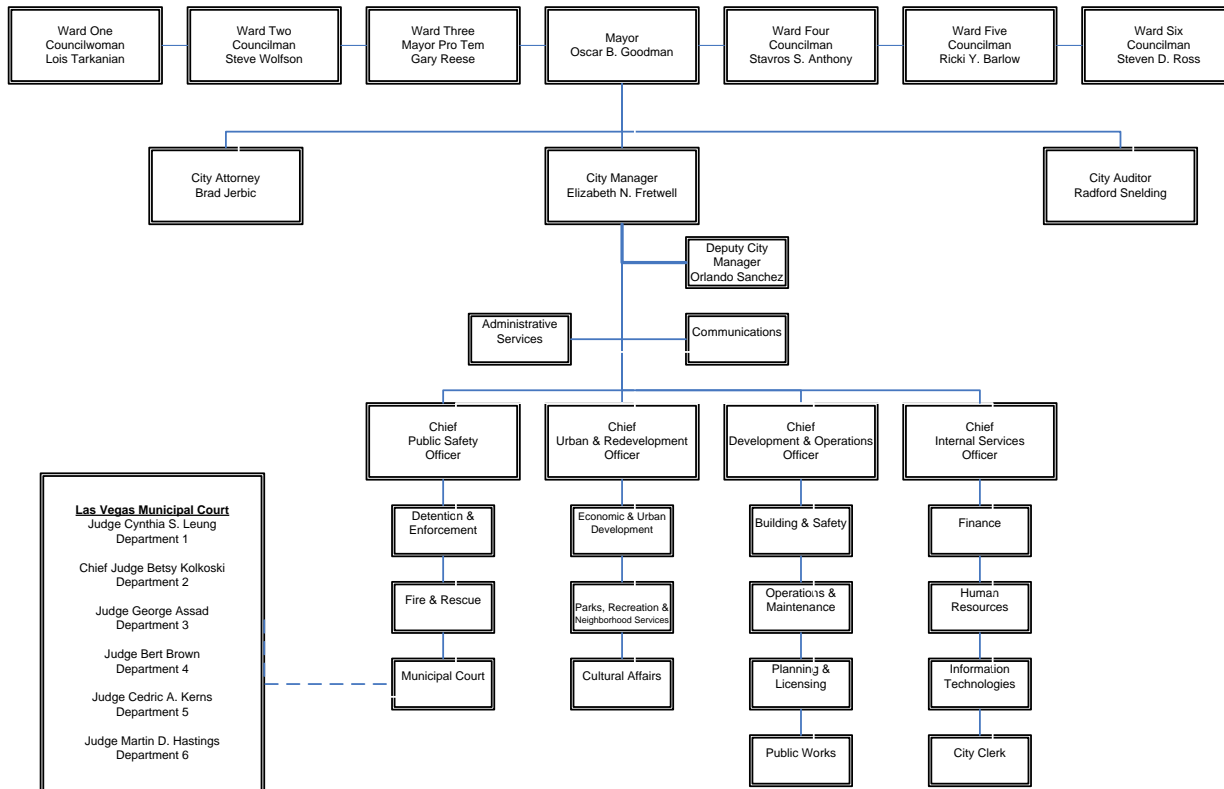
Council which is given at a duly convened meeting of the City Council, sign that contract, resolution or ordinance.

5. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or by the provisions of NRS which apply to a mayor of a city which is organized under the provisions of a special charter.

(Ch. 517, Stats. 1983 p. 1406)

Sec. 3.020 Mayor and Councilmen: Executive assistants; employees. The Mayor and Councilmen may recommend such executive assistants and employees as they may require, to be appointed by the City Manager subject to the ratification of the City Council

City of Las Vegas City Organization Chart



Government Overview

The city of Las Vegas was founded on May 15, 1905, when a land auction, in what is now known as downtown Las Vegas, resulted in the purchase of 110 acres of land. The city incorporated on March 16, 1911, and until 1944, operated under a "commission" form of government with each commissioner having administrative control over certain operating departments of the city. Since January 1, 1944, the city of Las Vegas has operated under what is commonly known as a "council/manager" form of government. This form of government was approved by a vote of the people with subsequent Las Vegas City Charter adoption by the legislature.

Until 1975, the voters of the city at large elected the mayor and four city councilmen. A vote of the people in June of 1973 approved a City Charter amendment dividing the city into four wards. This allowed the mayor to be elected at large and each councilman to be elected by the voters of his or her own ward. The City Charter amendment was subsequently adopted by the legislature with the first election by ward held in 1975. The elected officials chose to use the title "commissioner" until 1983 when a new City Charter approved by the legislature changed their title to "councilman."

A vote of the people in 1999 approved an advisory ballot question to divide the city into six wards. Anticipating a favorable vote, the Nevada Legislature and City Council had previously passed enabling legislation permitting the expansion to six wards. As of January 1, 2000, the change to six wards became effective.

The citizens elect the mayor and six council members who comprise the "City Council." Their terms are four years with elections staggered every two years.

MAYOR

The mayor serves as a member of the City Council, presides as chairman over its meetings, performs ceremonial duties and is the chief executive officer of the city. The mayor serves as the official representative of the people in all matters and officially signs enactments of the City Council. One of the council members is elected by the City Council to serve as mayor pro tempore to act during the absence of the mayor.

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council, including the mayor, is the governing body of the city and exercises legislative power by enacting ordinances, resolutions, orders and other policies necessary for the management and execution of the powers vested in the city through the City Charter. Among other things, the City Council is empowered to:

- Appoint the city manager and approve the appointment by the manager of the department heads, their assistants and other city staff.
- Adopt an annual budget.
- Act as the Redevelopment Agency.
- Enact and provide for the enforcement of all laws and ordinances.
- May acquire, sell and lease buildings and property.
- Enter into contracts, agreements, franchises, etc.
- License and regulate all businesses, trades and professions.
- Organize, regulate and maintain a fire department.
- Protect the public health.
- Enact and enforce building and safety codes.
- Provide for the zoning, subdivision and use of private land and buildings.
- Provide for traffic control.
- Provide for the abatement, prevention and removal of nuisances.
- Establish and appoint citizens to serve on city of Las Vegas boards - Planning Commission, Civil Service Board, Child Care Licensing Board, Arts Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, to name just a few.
- Also, members of the City Council serve on various boards - Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Regional Transportation Commission, Regional Flood Control, District Board of Health, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs, etc.

CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney is appointed by the City Council and provides legal guidance and support for elected city officials, city departments, and boards and commissions in conducting city business. The office represents the city before judicial and administrative agencies in civil litigation proceedings and prosecutes all traffic and misdemeanor violations occurring within the limits of the city of Las Vegas. The City Attorney's Office also provides legal guidance to city departments, board and commission members and elected officials concerning matters that may present a conflict of interest.

CITY AUDITOR

The City Auditor's Office operates under the direction of the City Council. The Mayor, subject to ratification by the City Council, appoints the City Auditor. The City Auditor is responsible for directing audit professionals in a comprehensive audit program including performance audits, compliance audits, special audits, information systems audits, and financial audits. The City Council created an Audit Committee to review and evaluate the internal audit activities. The Committee is appointed by the Mayor and is comprised of two City Council members and three members of the community-at-large.

CITY MANAGER


The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and is responsible for the effective administration and operation of all municipal services for the city of Las Vegas. The City Manager (1) supervises the city's general affairs, (2) exercises control over all of the departments and divisions of city government and over all of the officers and employees of the city, (3) gives the City Council information concerning the state of the city and recommends the adoption of bills and programs that he deems are necessary and appropriate, (4) submits the annual budget of the city to the City Council, (5) ensures that all general laws and ordinances of the city are observed and enforced, (6) ensures that all contracts of the city are faithfully kept and fully performed, (7) executes contracts and other documents of which are delegated to him by the City Council, and (8) performs administrative duties that are designated by the City Council or prescribed by ordinance.

CITY CHARTER

The State Legislature adopted the City Charter on January 1, 1944, which established a Council-Manager form of government for the city of Las Vegas. The Charter establishes the municipal government empowered by NRS 268 and is a part of the Las Vegas Municipal Code. Charter change can only occur by Nevada legislative action or a vote of the people. It is to the city what the Constitution is to state and federal governments. To access the City Charter and the municipal code, go to the City's Web site, select "departments" and then "municipal code."

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Boards and Commissions Appointments

9-15-2010

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

<u>BOARD NAME</u>	<u>APPT(S)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CURRENT REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>ORIGINAL APPT. DATE</u>	<u>EXPIRATION/NOTES</u>
Chief Local Elected Officials Consortium (Formerly Nevada Business Services [NBS] Job Training Board)	1	Until replaced	Councilman Steven D. Ross	8-19-2009	
CLV Audit Oversight Committee <i>(These board appointments may not fall during the Election " cycle appointment process for Council members)</i>	2	2 yrs.	Councilman S. Wolfson	3-21-2007	Exp. 3-21-2011
			Councilwoman L. Tarkanian	1-21-2009	Exp. 1/21/2011 <u>Must fill unexpired term</u>
Clean Water Coalition		Until replaced "	Councilman Steven D. Ross Councilwoman L. Tarkanian (Alternate)	7-15-2009 3-4-2009	
Criminal Justice Advisory Council (Formerly Regional Jail Commission) (Change to Primary & Alternate on 10/2/96)	(1 Primary, 1 Alternate)	Until replaced	Councilman S. Wolfson (Pri) Councilman Gary Reese (Alt)	7-21-2004 9-21-2005	
Debt Management Commission (Formerly General Obligation Bond Comm.)	1	2 yrs.	Councilwoman L. Tarkanian	7-20-2005	Exp. June 2011
Emergency Operations, Mgmt. Comm.	1	Until replaced "	Mayor O. Goodman Councilman R. Barlow	6-20-2001 7-11-2007	
Las Vegas Convention and and Visitors Authority	2	Term of Office "	Mayor O. Goodman Councilman G. Reese	6-28-1999 1-21-2009	Exp. June 2011 Exp. June 2011
Las Vegas Springs Preserve- Board of Trustees	1	Term of Office	Mayor O. Goodman	8-20-2003	Exp. June 2011
Local Law Enforcement Advisory Committee	1	Until replaced	Councilman S. Wolfson	5-2-2007	
Mayor Pro Tem	1	Until replaced	Councilman G. Reese	11-16-2000	Council elects
Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs	2	Until replaced "	Councilman G. Reese Councilman S. Wolfson	7-14-1997 1-21-2009	
Nellis Civilian Military Council Executive Board	2	Until Replaced (Mayor and Alt.)	Mayor O. Goodman Alt.- Councilman R. Barlow	8-4-2004 7-11-2007	
Nevada Development Authority	1	2 yrs.	Mayor O. Goodman	6-28-1999	Exp. June 2011
Nevada League of Cities	1	2 yrs.	Councilman R. Barlow	1-21-2009	Exp. Jan 21, 2011
Oversight Panel for School Facilities	1	2 yrs.	Councilman S. Wolfson	1-7-2009	Exp. 12-31-2011
Regional Flood Control District <i>(Members are the same as those appointed to RTC and terms should coincide.)</i>	2	2 yrs. "	Mayor O. Goodman Councilman S. Ross	7-20-2005 1-21-2009	Exp. 6-30-2011 Exp. 1/21/2011
Regional Transportation Commission (Expiration date set by NRS)	2	2 yrs. "	Mayor O. Goodman Councilman S. Ross	7-20-2005 1-21-2009	Exp. 6-30-2011 Exp. 6-30-2011
So. Nev. Enterprise Community Board		3 yrs.	Councilman R. Barlow	10-3-2007	Exp. 10-3-2013
So. Nev. Health District (formerly Cl. Co. District Bd. of Health) (Membership changed to 2 Council Elected Officials per AB380-2005) (By-Laws Sec. 4.1(e) allows for designation of an Alternate)		2 yrs.	Councilman S. Anthony Councilman R. Barlow Councilman S. Ross (Alt)	7-1-2009 7-11-2007 11-1-2006	Exp. June 2011 Exp. June 2011 Exp. June 2011
So. Nev. Regional Planning Coalition (Formerly So. Nev. Gov't Efficiency Committee)	2	Until replaced " Alternate -	Mayor O. Goodman Councilwoman L. Tarkanian Councilman S. Wolfson	6-28-1999 3-21-2007 2-16-2005	
So. Nev. Water Authority	2 (1 Member, 1 Alternate)	Until replaced	Councilwoman L. Tarkanian Councilman Stavros Anthony (Alternate)	9-06-2006 7-15-2009	
Yucca Mnt. Nuclear Repository Com.	2	Until replaced "	Councilman S. Wolfson Councilwoman L. Tarkanian	7-21-2004 3-4-2009	City Mgr. or designee also serves

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Boards and Commissions Interest Form



**City of Las Vegas
Board, Commission, or Committee Interest Form**

Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Work Street Address: _____

City: _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Employer: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Work Phone Number:** _____

Other Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

**Please list the boards, commissions, or committees that you are interested in
serving on:**

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Ward _____

Date _____

Please list any boards, commissions, or committees that you serve on, or have served on in the past (Use additional pages, if necessary):

Please discuss your qualifications to serve on any boards, commissions, or committees (Use additional pages, if necessary):

Please list any of your relatives or friends that work for the entity in which you would be serving:

Feel free to attach a resume to this form. Upon submitting this form, all information will be considered public information. This form will be kept on file for 6 months from date of submittal. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a new form after that time. This form does not constitute an application for employment. Please do not to submit this form electronically. It should be printed, completed and mailed along with a letter and resume.

Please submit to: **City Clerk
City of Las Vegas
400 Stewart Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

Fax: (702) 382-4803

**You may be required to be resident of the City of Las Vegas to serve certain boards, committees, or commissions.*

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January 06, 2010	City Council	Council Chambers	Minutes/Video
January 07, 2010	Special City Council	5th Street School - 401 S. 4th Street	Minutes/Audio
January 13, 2010	Civil Service Board of Trustees	Department of Human Resources	Agenda
January 14, 2010	Community Development Recommending Board	Downtown Senior Services Center	Agenda
January 14, 2010	Las Vegas Senior Citizens' Advisory Board	Downtown Senior Services Center Conference Room	Agenda
January 14, 2010	Planning Commission	Council Chambers	Minutes/Video
January 19, 2010	Recommending Committee	City Manager's 8th Floor Conference Room	Minutes/Audio
January 19, 2010	Community Development Recommending Board	Downtown Senior Services Center	Agenda
January 20, 2010	Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers	Minutes/Video
January 20, 2010	City Council	Council Chambers	Minutes/Video

January 21, 2010	Community Development Recommending Board	Downtown Senior Services Center	Agenda
January 21, 2010	Audit Oversight Committee	City Manager's 8th Floor Conference Room	Minutes/Audio
January 21, 2010	Las Vegas Arts Commission	5th Street School Conference Room	Agenda
January 26, 2010	Community Development Recommending Board	Downtown Senior Services Center	Agenda
January 27, 2010	Historic Preservation Commission	Historic Fifth Street School	Agenda
January 28, 2010	Planning Commission	Council Chamber	Minutes/Video
January 28, 2010	Community Development Recommending Board	Downtown Senior Services Center	Agenda
January 28, 2010	Traffic & Parking Commission	Council Chambers	Agenda

Open Meeting Law

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Mayor Oscar B. Goodman



In April 2007, Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, the 19th mayor of Las Vegas, captured 84 percent of the vote in his reelection effort to a third 4-year term.

As mayor, he was successful in acquiring a large piece of urban real estate in the city without resorting to eminent domain. Symphony Park, a phenomenal 61-acre planned development, will include the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, a 350,000 square-foot The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, multiple high residential units, business and retail opportunities. Downtown is undergoing a dramatic change, evolving into a vibrant place for living, working and enjoying entertainment and art venues. Bounding Symphony Park are the World Market Center and the Las Vegas Premium Outlets mall. The World Market Center is a state-of-the-art home furnishings trade show facility. When complete, the complex will exceed 12 million square feet with eight buildings. The outlet mall is the most successful of its kind for dollar-per-square-foot income. In addition, there are almost 18,000 living spaces being planned for construction in downtown. Also, for the first time in many years, multi-million dollar casino and hotel renovations and expansions are currently underway.

Mayor Goodman has been a champion of downtown revitalization, focusing his efforts on creating a downtown urban village filled with small businesses, boutiques, fine restaurants, bookstores and an art component where the public can have social dialogue and exchange ideas.

Mayor Goodman serves as the chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and feverishly works to promote the enticing destination of Las Vegas. Mayor Goodman has also started OPAC, Oscar's Political Action Committee, to promote and protect the interests of Las Vegas. His first action was to donate \$50,000 to the Keep Memory Alive Foundation, the "think tank" foundation for the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute.

The self-proclaimed "happiest mayor in the universe," Goodman was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduating from Haverford College and receiving his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He has become one of the nation's premier criminal defense attorneys, having been named one of the "15 Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law

Journal. He has also been featured in numerous publications such as "Of Rats and Men" and even portrayed himself in the movie "Casino." Mayor Goodman also serves on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Goodman and his wife, Carolyn, have been married since 1962 and moved to Las Vegas two years later with \$87 in their pockets. The couple raised four children in Las Vegas. All four currently make Las Vegas their home. All were educated in Las Vegas and went on to acquire college and graduate level degrees.

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**Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian
Ward 1**



Lois Tarkanian was sworn into office as the Las Vegas City Councilwoman representing Ward 1 on February 2, 2005.

Dr. Tarkanian holds a bachelor of arts in education, a master of arts in speech pathology and a doctorate in leadership and human behavior. Prior to serving on the City Council, she served for 12 years as a member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees.

As an educator, she has held positions as a classroom teacher, a speech pathologist, principal, central office administrator and Nevada Community College and California State University instructor. In private practice she founded Oralingua, the first private day school for deaf children in California, and also initiated Nevada's first full inclusion program for deaf children in the demonstration pre-school at the Community College of Southern Nevada. She also held national clinical certification in speech pathology, language, and audiology and did clinical work with autistic, deaf and aphasic children.

She currently serves as a board member on a number of different organizations including the Clark County Public Education Foundation, FACT - Family and Child Treatment Center for Abused Children, Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired, Nevada PEP – Professionals Empowering Parents, Emerge - mentoring emerging women leaders and as chairwoman of the Advisory Committee for the Teacher Education Academy at Clark High School.

In addition, Dr. Tarkanian has been honored by such designations as Humanitarian of the Year by Catholic Community Services, Silver Lily Award as Humanitarian of the Year by March of Dimes, Citizen of the Year by Westcare, Golden Book of Deeds Award by Kiwanis Club, Nevada Woman Silver Heart Award, Las Vegas African-American Award for Distinguished Service, Citizen of the Year by the Nevada Family and Child Treatment Center and Friends of Education Annual Award by the Nevada State Education Association. She also has been presented with honorary lifetime memberships in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Nevada Congress of Parents and Teachers. On May 6, 2006, she was honored with the "Spirit of Leadership" Award by the Lili Claire Foundation and has been selected to receive the Lifetime Education Achievement Award from the Public Education Foundation. In August 2006, the Tarkanian Middle School, named in her honor, was opened by the Clark County School District. On April 10, 2008, she was also honored by Las Vegas Diversity Development Inc. with the "Ladies of Victory Everlasting (LOVE)" Award. On March 7, 2009, Lois Tarkanian received the "Florence Lee Jones Humanitarian" Award from the Junior League of Las Vegas.

As a city councilwoman, Dr. Tarkanian serves on the Southern Nevada Health District Board, the Southern Nevada Water Authority Board, the Colorado River Commission, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, the Making Recycling Work Committee, the Debt Management Commission as vice chair and the Audit Oversight Committee. She has also been appointed to the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects by Governor Jim Gibbons. Previously she chaired the city of Las Vegas Recommending Committee and served on the Oversight Panel for School Facilities.

Dr. Tarkanian has been married to former UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian for 53 years. She has four children and 11 grandchildren.

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Councilwoman: [Lois Tarkanian](#)

Phone: (702) 229-6405

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Councilman Steve Wolfson
Ward 2



Your elected representative on the Las Vegas City Council is Councilman Steve Wolfson. In a historic special election in June 2004, Steve Wolfson was elected to the Las Vegas City Council. He represents Ward 2, which encompasses the westernmost portions of the city, including parts of Summerlin, Peccole Ranch, Queensridge and The Lakes. On May 6, 2009 after running unopposed, he was sworn in for his second full term, which ends in June 2013.

Councilman Wolfson has many years of experience in the legal field. He has worked both in the private and public sectors, including positions with the Clark County District Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office. He has also been active with the State Bar of Nevada by serving on the Board of Governors, the Judicial Ethics and Campaign Election Practices Committee, and other bar-related committees. Additionally, Wolfson was chairman of the State Bar of Nevada Ethics 2000 Committee, a blue ribbon committee established by the Nevada Supreme Court, to review and bring up-to-date all Supreme Court rules involving attorney conduct.

As a city councilman, Wolfson serves on city of Las Vegas Audit Oversight Committee, Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs, the Oversight Panel for School Facilities and the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository Committee. He is an alternate on the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.

Wolfson is currently a member of the Latin and Asian Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors for Nevada Child Seekers.

Councilman Wolfson was born in Los Angeles, California. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from San Diego State University and a Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law.

Councilman Wolfson has been married more than 25 years to District Court Judge Jackie Glass. They have two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca.

Ward 2 Homepage

Councilman: [Steve Wolfson](#)

Phone: (702) 229-6405

Ward 2 has some great restaurants, shopping and recreation, but most importantly there are great people.

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Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese Ward 3



As the owner of the Plaza Barber Shop and former chairman of the Las Vegas Planning Commission, Gary Reese is a well-known fixture in the Las Vegas community. He was first elected to the Las Vegas City Council representing Ward 3 on June 6, 1995, and is currently serving his fourth term. Councilman Reese was appointed mayor pro tem on November 16, 2000.

Councilman Reese has currently serves as vice chairman on the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Committee on Fiscal Affairs. He is also a member of the Las Vegas Centennial Board of Directors and Executive Committee and was recently appointed to the board of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. He also served on the Southern Nevada Health District Board for more than 13 years.

In addition to his work on the Planning Commission, Councilman Reese has served on the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment, Southern Nevada Enterprise Consortium and the Real Estate and Recommending Committees. His concern for citizen interest is manifested through his past involvement with the city's Citizens Advisory Committee on Downtown Development and the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Reese has also served as a member of the city's Liquor/Tavern License Committee and the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County.

Prior to establishing the Plaza Barber Shop, which has been in operation since 1963, Reese worked at the Nevada Test Site. A graduate of Lincoln County High School in Panaca, Nevada, Reese attended Dixie College in St. George, Utah.

Reese is married to Carol Reese, and is the father of three and grandfather of five. Councilman Reese has coached youth soccer, basketball, baseball and girls' softball. He remains supportive and active in youth sports.

Ward 3 Homepage

Mayor Pro Tem: [Gary Reese](#)

Phone: (702) 229-6405

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Councilman Stavros S. Anthony
Ward 4



Councilman Stavros S. Anthony was elected to represent Ward 4 on June 2, 2009. Councilman Anthony, a Las Vegas resident for 29 years, has made community service and public safety his focus as a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officer, a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and now as a City Councilman.

Councilman Anthony began his career with Metro Police in 1980 and most recently served the community as a captain overseeing the Financial and Property Crimes Bureau of the department. As a captain, Anthony spent time in charge of many divisions within Metro including Professional Standards, Personnel, Vice/Narcotics, Northeast Area Command and the Transportation Safety Bureau.

Along with his experience in the realm of public safety, Councilman Anthony also brings an education background to the City Council. He was elected in 2002 to a four-year term as a regent with the Nevada System of Higher Education, and was re-elected to a six year term on the board in 2006. As chairman of the Board of Regents, Anthony led the way in developing a master plan, system goals and a value statement.

Councilman Anthony graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1980. In 1987 he graduated with a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), and in 1999 he received his Ph.D. in Sociology from UNLV. He has also attended the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Councilman Anthony serves on the board of directors for Goodwill of Southern Nevada. He is a past member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities.

Councilman Anthony is also a past member and president of the Board of Directors for St. John Greek Orthodox Church.

Anthony received an Exemplary Service Award from Metro Police in 2006, and received an Award of Excellence in 2002 from the Community College of Southern Nevada where he was an adjunct faculty member.

Married for 29 years, the Anthonys have two daughters who are attending the University of Nevada Reno. The Councilman is an avid golfer and runner.

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Councilman Ricki Y. Barlow

Ricki Y. Barlow, a lifelong resident of the Las Vegas valley, was sworn into office on June 20, 2007. Having been a resident of Las Vegas for more than 30 years, he knows intimately the unique character of this part of southern Nevada and is passionate about preserving the historic roots of the community. He has done this by encouraging economic diversity, addressing crime and preserving the sense of community within Ward 5.

Through his hands-on approach to the issues facing West Las Vegas neighborhoods, he regularly participates in and sponsors events that garner community involvement including neighborhood clean-ups, town hall meetings, senior events such as Barlow Bingo and events geared specifically toward area youth such as his annual Teen Town Hall.

Councilman Barlow has worked closely with other agencies such as the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to curb violence in the area and local neighborhood associations to clean up the community and erase graffiti. He also works with area businesses to encourage development and revitalization in downtown and West Las Vegas. For example, he has been instrumental in the effort to attract a new grocery store to West Las Vegas, which opened in late 2008, and he has played a vital role in the development of Symphony Park, the 61-acre master planned community in downtown. He is also familiar with the traffic issues in Ward 5 and has mitigated traffic concerns through projects such as the Martin L. King Boulevard improvement project. His commitment to improving the lives of youth and seniors is seen by the improvement projects as several parks and community centers such as Lorenzi Park and the Doolittle Senior Center.

His commitment to the community can be seen through his participation on numerous boards and commissions. Currently, he sits on:

- Las Vegas Housing Authority
- California-Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission
- City of Las Vegas Recommending Committee
- Southern Nevada Health District Board
- National League of Cities – Community Economic Development Board
- Neon Museum Board of Directors
- City of Las Vegas Management Committee for Emergency Operations
- KIDS Vote
- Post Office Executive Committee

Over the years, the councilman has been recognized by his peers in the community with numerous awards and accolades for his community service including the Community Partners "Portrait of Pride" Award, Nevada Library Association Trustee of the Year and Clark County School District PAL Program Supervisor of the Year.

Councilman Barlow began his interest in government at an early age, serving as student body president at Vocational-Technical High School. After graduating from UNLV with a degree in political science, he continued to pursue public service when he served as a legislative aide in Washington, D.C. to then-U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan. Upon returning to Las Vegas, he turned his

love of public service into a career when he joined the city of Las Vegas Mayor and Council Office as a liaison.

Ward 5 Homepage

Councilman: [Ricki Y. Barlow](#)

Phone: (702) 229-6405

Ward 5 is a diverse ward, encompassing some of the newest downtown projects including high-rise residential towers, and also includes the historic West Side. [Read More...](#)

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Councilman Steven D. Ross
Ward 6



Councilman Steve Ross represents Ward 6, the fastest growing area of Las Vegas. Ward 6 encompasses the far northwest and Centennial Hills—an area that has doubled in population in the last six years.

Ross, a native Nevadan, was born in Reno and, as a child, moved to Las Vegas with his family. He graduated from Western High School and went on to study at the University of Nevada, Reno and UNLV. With deep roots in the community, Ross ran for office for the first time in the spring election of 2005 and was re-elected April 2009.

Growth and a changing population create unparalleled challenges in Ward 6. Councilman Ross is committed to protecting the existing rural areas while at the same time making Ward 6 an attractive place for new families. To accomplish these goals, Councilman Ross has placed public safety, smart growth and providing recreational opportunities as his top priorities. Councilman Ross believes it is important to make sure that public services and structures such as fire stations, police, roads and flood control channels keep pace with the growth in the community.

As the Ward 6 councilman, Steve Ross currently serves as a commissioner on the Regional Transportation Commission and the Regional Flood Control boards as well as serving as a member of the Clark County Shooting Park Advisory Committee, the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board, the Clean Water Coalition, the Nevada League of Cities and an alternate for the Southern Nevada Board of Health. Previously, Councilman Ross served on the Las Vegas Housing Authority and the Yucca Mountain Advisory Committee.

Steve Ross' election to the Las Vegas City Council follows years of community involvement as a volunteer—and Councilman Ross continues those volunteer efforts today. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Las Vegas Area Boy Scout Council and has been very active with Little League, lacrosse and other youth activities. Ross is an active member of his church.

Councilman Ross is working to expand employment opportunities in the northwest. With the opening of the Centennial Hills Hospital, there are new opportunities for medical offices and facilities. He is also working on ensuring that employment centers and industrial centers are created in the northwest to bring much needed jobs to our community. Councilman Ross worked with the College of Southern Nevada to identify land for a future campus to bring educational opportunities to our youth and training for all families. Councilman Ross has been instrumental in the approval of two new fire stations in Ward 6, and is also working towards a Ward 6 (northwest) police substation at Buffalo Drive and Deer Springs Way. Councilman Ross opened the largest community and senior center in Nevada and the Centennial Hills library.

A certified master electrician, Ross served for a number of years as an assistant business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Steve Ross also knows how important it is to represent the needs of small business owners having worked for many small business owners over his career.

Councilman Ross and his wife Kelli have five children and two grandchildren, with another two on

the way. He likes to say his own family provides a constant reminder of his obligation to protect the quality of life for all families in Ward 6.

Ward 6 Homepage

Councilman: [Steven D. Ross](#)

Phone: (702) 229-6154

Ward 6 is one of the fastest growing areas in the valley. Visit this page frequently to keep up with what's going on in your community.

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- For HOA scheduling, neighborhood, and planning and zoning issues, e-mail [Michelle Thackston](#)
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City Manager

The City Manager's Office is responsible for the effective administration and operation of all municipal services for the city of Las Vegas. In addition, the office oversees all redevelopment and economic development. The office is overseen by City Manager Elizabeth N. Fretwell and Deputy City Manager Orlando Sanchez as well as Chief Urban Redevelopment Officer Scott D. Adams, Chief Financial Officer Mark R. Vincent and Chief Officer of Public Safety Karen Coyne. The City Manager's staff also tracks the progress of various projects, monitors the day-to-day activities of city departments and maintains intergovernmental relationships with the federal, state and other local governments. The office also oversees the city's [diversity and community relations programs](#).



City Manager Elizabeth N. Fretwell

Elizabeth N. Fretwell was sworn in as city manager on Jan. 21, 2009. Ms. Fretwell joined the city in June 2000 as assistant city manager and was promoted to deputy city manager in March 2002. Ms. Fretwell oversees operations of the city, which has more than 3,000 employees and a budget of \$1.4 billion. She also serves as the executive director of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency, charged with the economic revitalization of downtown Las Vegas. In addition to the day-to-day management of the city's operations, Ms. Fretwell is extensively involved in several key initiatives in the local government administration including citizen engagement, fundamental service review, sustainability, performance management, and diversity.

Prior to joining the city of Las Vegas, Ms. Fretwell held the position of intergovernmental relations director for the city of Henderson, Nevada, and prior to that she worked for Clark County, where she was involved in extensive public policy and organizational analysis. She also served as a lobbyist at the Nevada State Legislature for two sessions, including acting as chief lobbyist in 1997.

Currently, she serves as the past president of the Local Government Managers Association of Nevada (LOGMAN) and is a member of the International City/County Management Association Nominating Committee. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Nevada Public Radio Board of Directors. She previously served as a member on the Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) board.

She was recently named as a Woman to Watch in 2009 by *In Business Las Vegas*.

Ms. Fretwell is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration.



Deputy City Manager Orlando Sanchez

Orlando Sanchez was appointed deputy city manager in May 2006. He currently oversees the departments of Operations and Maintenance and Public Works.

Prior to being named deputy city manager, Orlando served as the Neighborhood Services Department director, where he spearheaded many key, innovative plans and programs such as the 10-year Plan to end Homelessness; the Homeownership For Educators Program to assist teachers with housing costs; the Abandoned and Vacant Buildings Program to eliminate visible blight in neighborhoods; the EVOLVE Program to reintegrate ex-felons into productive lives; and a pilot program to help chronic inebriates.

Orlando has significant knowledge and experience with the city dating back to 1988, when he served as a management analyst with the then Department of Economic and Urban Development. As a Development Officer in Economic and Urban Development, he worked to promote and develop the Las Vegas Technology Center, the Spectrum of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Enterprise Park that brought jobs to where people lived, to reinvigorate economically lagging areas and cut commute times. Since then, he has demonstrated his versatility and progressive leadership style with several departments in the city. As a facilities manager, he saved the city substantial money by standardizing and streamlining operations. His experience also includes work on the city's long-term, comprehensive facility master plan.

Prior to joining the city of Las Vegas, Orlando served in the private sector as a branch manager for a financial institution. A native of Belen, New Mexico, Mr. Sanchez graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in economics and later received a masters degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix. In 2005, he was recognized as the "Emerging Public Administrator of the Year" by the American Society for Public Administration.



Chief Urban Redevelopment Officer Scott D. Adams

Scott D. Adams was appointed to the newly-created position of chief urban redevelopment officer in April 2009. In this position, Mr. Adams oversees the departments of Planning, Building and Safety, Economic and Urban Development, and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. He also oversees the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Adams previously served as the director of the city's Office of Business Development (now Economic and Urban Development) as well as the operations officer for the city's Redevelopment Agency.

Prior to joining the city, Mr. Adams held numerous positions in the field of urban economic development including those with Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission, the city of Fort Lauderdale, the New Orleans Medical Center and the Jacksonville Downtown Development Authority, to name just a few.

During his career Mr. Adams has been instrumental in significant change in each community he has worked in through extensive involvement in master planning, public-private partnerships, and business attraction and development. He has worked with some of the largest businesses and developers in America.

Hailing from Michigan, Mr. Adams is an Urban Planning graduate from Michigan State University, where he was given the American Institute of Planners Award as the top graduate. He is a

frequent guest lecturer and is on the Board of and a certified economic developer with the International Economic Development Council. He is currently a member of the Urban Land Institute and a past member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



Chief Financial Officer Mark R. Vincent

Mark R. Vincent was appointed chief financial officer in December 2010. Prior to that appointment, Mr. Vincent was the director of Finance and Business Services for the city of Las Vegas from 1998 through 2010, with the exception of a brief period beginning in December 2008 when he served as acting deputy city manager until a permanent deputy city manager was hired. He is currently responsible for the departments of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology as well as the City Clerk. He has played a key role in the city's evolution towards enterprise business solutions, strategic business planning and performance metrics, and the transition from the "hired-to-perform" approach of accounting to the "job-based" approach.

Prior to his employment with the city of Las Vegas, Mr. Vincent served 17 years with several Department of Energy prime contractors. He was employed by EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc. for 13 years, seven of which were as treasurer and director of finance. He also worked two years for EG&G Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company, Inc. as its manager of the Finance and Management Control Department, and for two years with Bechtel Nevada as its business systems manager. All three of these contractors supported the weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site.

Mr. Vincent serves on two governmental committees. He was appointed to serve as a member of the Public Employees' Retirement Board for the state of Nevada by then Governor Jim Gibbons in April 2009, and has served as vice-chairman of the board from July 2009 to present. He was also appointed by the Nevada League of Cities in December 2010 to serve on the Committee on Local Government Finance as created by the Nevada Legislature.

Mr. Vincent has been a licensed certified public accountant in the state of Nevada since 1981. He worked for national certified public accounting firms specializing in casino audits prior to his Nevada Test Site employment.

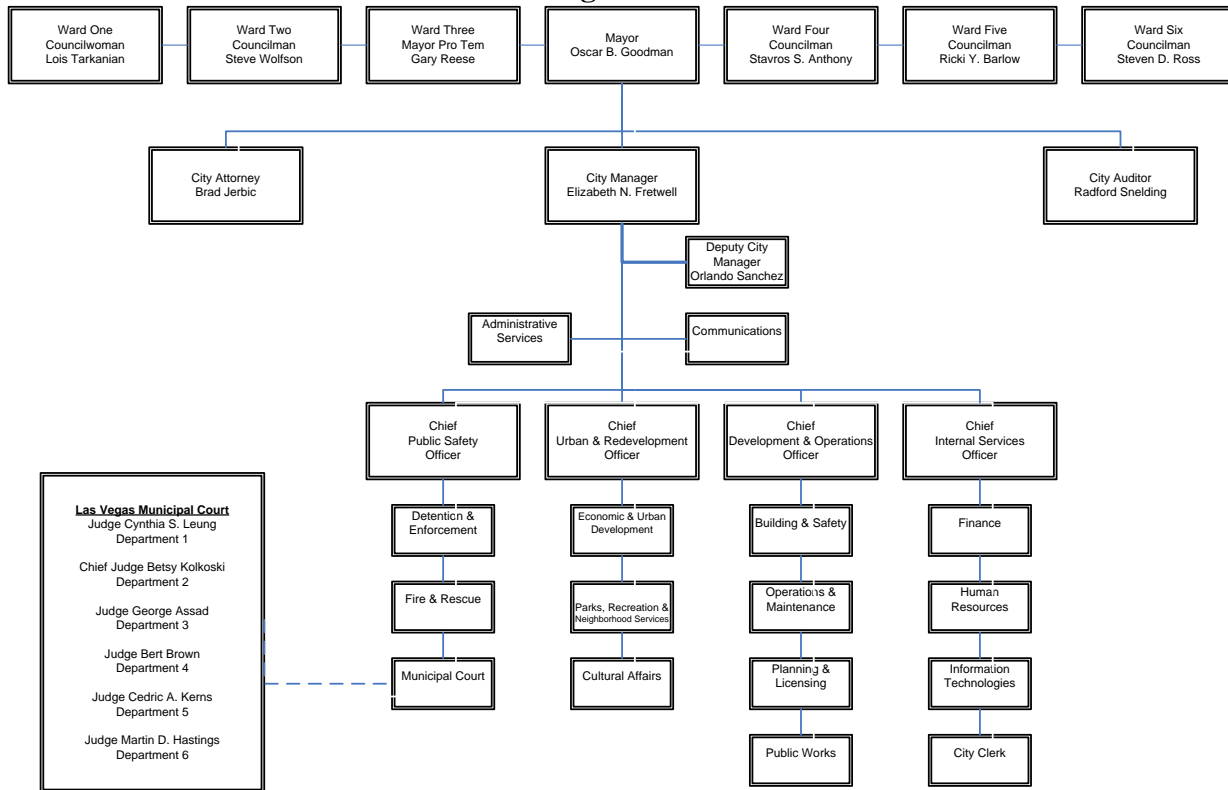
A 46-year resident of Las Vegas, Mr. Vincent is a 1978 graduate of the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with distinction.



Chief Officer of Public Safety Karen Coyne

Karen Coyne was ratified as the Chief Officer of Public Safety on Feb. 2, 2011. In this newly created role, she will oversee the departments of Detention and Enforcement and Fire & Rescue as well as the Municipal Court.

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The Office of Administrative Services provides customer service and support to the [City Council](#), [city manager](#) and all city departments.

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- Oversees [federal](#) , [state](#)  and [local legislative advocacy](#) .
- Provides administrative, analytical and support services to the [City Council](#), [city manager](#), [deputy city managers](#) and city leadership.
- Monitors [Yucca Mountain](#).
- Facilitates the [Development Review Process](#).

Emergency Management

- Oversees the [Office of Emergency Management](#).
- Provides training for and coordinates the [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) program for the Las Vegas Valley.

Contracts And Grants Management

- Provides development, oversight and evaluation services so that city leaders can benefit from enhanced revenue and improved management of grants.
- Coordinates administration of the city's [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) funding.

Sustainability

- Oversees the [Office of Sustainability](#).
- Provides [information](#) to city leaders, businesses and residents on how they can reduce energy, waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

Building and Safety



The Building and Safety Department provides reasonable controls for the construction, use and occupancy of buildings to ensure public safety. To do this, the department issues building permits, schedules project inspections and enforces various building codes.

[Notice of Proposed Ordinances to Adopt the 2009 Suite of Building Codes](#)

[Bill No. 2010-37](#) - Adopts new fee tables applicable to permits, inspections and other services performed in connection with the city's technical codes, and to make other permit-related adjustments; and providing for other related matters.

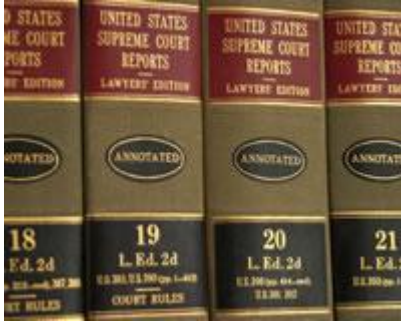
[Industry Advisory – Building & Safety Fee Increases](#)

Services & Information

The Department of Building and Safety is responsible for:

- the [administration and enforcement of building codes](#) as adopted by the City Council
- issuing [building permits](#), including [Annual Facility permits](#)
 - [Permit Fee Estimator](#)
- providing [plans check status](#)
- scheduling [project inspections](#) during specific stages of the building process
- [inspecting and testing materials, reviews plans and permits for construction activities in public rights of way](#)
- responding to code violations
 - [How to submit a complaint](#)
- establishing [Land Development](#) requirements for Private Development
- Providing applications, forms and requirements for building permits including:
 - [Application and Forms](#)
 - [General Information and Requirements for Both Commercial and Residential Projects](#)
 - [Commercial Requirements and Information](#)
 - [Residential Requirements and Information](#)
 - [Special Inspection Information and Technical Guidelines](#)

City Attorney



The City Attorney's Office oversees all legal aspects of the city from the drafting of ordinances and legal opinions to the supervision of special counsel and the prosecution of violations including DUIs, drug offenses, domestic violence and traffic offenses that take place within Las Vegas city limits.

Services & Information

The City Attorney's Office:

- Supervises the drafting of all ordinances and the preparation of legal documents
- Works directly with and provides legal advice to the mayor, [City Council](#), [city manager](#) and staff, as well as [boards and commissions](#)
- Reviews and consults on city services contracts and provides legal opinions and counseling
- Supervises and manages all matters over special counsel, which may be hired with [City Council](#) consent for their specific knowledge and expertise
- Includes the [Criminal Division](#), which handles the day-to-day prosecution of municipal ordinance violations and state law misdemeanor violations, including DUIs, drug offenses, [domestic violence](#) and traffic offenses that occur within the city limits.

Disclaimer: Information contained on these pages is intended for general information purposes only; it is not intended, nor should it be construed nor interpreted, as legal advice.

City Auditor



The City Auditor provides independent appraisals and audits of city functions and departments.

Services & Information

The City Auditor:

- Completes [audit reports](#)
- Oversees the [Audit Oversight Committee](#)

City Clerk



The City Clerk's Office provides services related to city elections, City Council meetings, city boards and commissions, public records and historic documents. They also provide a number of other services including U.S. passport services and the maintenance of the city's Municipal Code.

City Clerk's Office Now Offers Passport Services

Passport applications are accepted on the first floor of City Hall, located at 400 Stewart Ave. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also provide a number of other services including U.S. passport services, notary services and the maintenance of the city's Municipal Code.

Find City Meetings And Agendas


View the upcoming city meeting schedule, watch past meetings or find agendas and meeting backup.

Notary Services Now Offered By The City

The City Clerk's office is now offering notary services between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clerk's office is located at 400 Stewart Ave. and parking is conveniently located at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Stewart Avenue.

Services & Information

The City Clerk's office is responsible for:

- Supporting [City Council meetings](#) and various [boards and commissions](#)
- [Municipal Elections / Elecciones](#) held every two years, including filings and appeals
- [Passport Services](#) and [Notary Services](#)
- Acting as a filing office for [appeals, approvals, protests and claims](#)
- Official city records including [election filing reports](#) and [election history](#)
- Maintenance of city ordinances and the city's [Municipal Code](#) 
- Registering lobbyists

Communications



Serving Customers Online Via The City's Website

The Office of Communications, along with the Information Technologies Department, oversees the city's award-winning Web site. The site, which was redesigned in 2005, was named best city Web site by the Center for Digital Government in 2008.

Bringing City Government Closer To You - KCLV Channel 2

KCLV Channel 2, the city's award-winning government access channel provides programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week. KCLV produces a number of original programs such as [Town Hall Live](#), [City Beat](#), [Access City Council](#), [City Scene](#) and specials on topics such as gang violence and emergency preparedness. [Watch KCLV now!](#)

Working With Local Media To Provide Accurate And Timely Information

The Office of Communications oversees media relations for city operations. This includes drafting city [news releases](#) and working with the mayor, City Council and various city departments to ensure that the most timely and accurate information is presented in various media outlets.

Services & Information




Services

- [KCLV Channel 2](#)
- Oversee city's [Speakers Bureau Program](#)
- Provide media relations for the [mayor](#), [City Council](#) and [city departments](#)
- Provide graphic art services for the [mayor](#), [City Council](#) and [city departments](#)
- Oversee content of the city's Web site
- Provide emergency communications through tools such as [lvalert.com](#) and [KCLV Channel 2](#)

Publications

- [News Releases](#)

Forms

- [Video Dub and Policy Request Form](#) 
- [Public Records Access and Policy Request Form](#) 
- [Municipal Court Media Request](#) 

Policies

- [Office of Communications Policy](#) 
- [KCLV TV Policies and Procedures](#) 

Cultural Affairs



The City Of Las Vegas Office Of Cultural Affairs

Cultural Affairs presents an impressive variety of cultural opportunities for the enjoyment and benefit of the Las Vegas Community that also strengthens our artistic, cultural and historic resources vital to the cultural landscape of our community.

First Lady Michelle Obama Honors New Directions Youth Arts Program

For its effectiveness in developing creativity and fostering academic success by engaging young people in the arts and humanities, the city of Las Vegas' New Directions Youth Arts Program was recognized with a prestigious national award by First Lady Michelle Obama at a White House ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Brubeck Brothers Quartet

Enjoy an exciting jazz group whose creativity, technique and improvisation can be heard in their uncompromising music. The group's performance reflects their dedication to melody, rhythm, culture and the spontaneous spirit of jazz. They will perform at 8 p.m. on March 12, at the Historic Fifth Street school in downtown Las Vegas. For more information or to order tickets, visit <http://www.artslasvegas.org/>.

Services & Information

Museums

- [Neon Museum](#)
- [Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement](#)
- [Cultural Corridor](#)

Downtown Events

- [Childrens Book Festival](#)
- [Heldorado](#)
- [First Fridays](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)

Facilities and Galleries

- [City Galleries](#)
- [Historic Fifth Street School](#) / [Rental Brochure](#)

Forms and Publications

- [Artist Registry Form](#)
- [Public Art Brochure](#)
- [Pioneer Trail Brochure](#)
- [Press Releases](#)

Detention and Enforcement



The Department of Detention and Enforcement provides the public with law enforcement and detention services.

Services & Information

Detention and Enforcement:

- provides [inmate information](#)
- protects [animal control services](#)
- provides law enforcement services through the [Deputy City Marshals](#)
- provides [parking enforcement](#)
- investigates [alleged misconduct](#) within the department

Economic and Urban Development

The Economic and Urban Development Department (EUD) creates, coordinates and encourages new development and redevelopment throughout the city of Las Vegas. It increases and diversifies the city's economic base, and creates jobs, through business attraction, retention and expansion programs.


In addition, this newly expanded department now includes employees who oversee and manage local, state and federal grants used to provide public services, develop public facilities and support affordable housing for low income Las Vegas families. The majority of grants are received from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of entitlement funding. These grants are used to operate numerous programs such as youth education, literacy, job training and English proficiency, as well as homeless services and shelter, senior nutrition, rent assistance and new construction of affordable housing and community centers, to name a few.

The EUD coordinates with the [Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency \(RDA\)](#)  on day-to-day operations, economic development, job creation and long-term strategic goals.

Services & Information



Projects

- [Las Vegas City Hall](#)
- [Symphony Park](#)
- [Mob Museum](#)
- Commercial
 - [Fremont East District](#)
 - [Gaming](#)
 - [Retail](#)
 - [World Market Center Las Vegas](#)
- Residential
 - [Downtown Residential & Mixed-Use Developments](#) 
- Cultural
 - [18b Arts District](#)
 - [Cultural Corridor](#)
 - [Historic Fifth Street School](#)
 - [The Smith Center for the Performing Arts](#)




Maps

- [Interactive City Map \(GIS\)](#) 
- Business Development Maps
 - [Future Downtown Projects](#) 
 - [Arts District](#) 
 - [City Council Wards](#) 
 - [Downtown Centennial Plan](#) 
 - [Gaming Enterprise Districts & Locations](#)




Incentive Programs

- Visual Improvement Programs (VIPs)
 - [Commercial VIP](#)
 - [Entertainment District VIP](#)
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
 - [Overview](#)
 - [Application Form](#) 



Tools and Resources

- [Fast Track Program](#)
- Business Licensing (Finance Department)
 - [Apply for Business License](#)
 - [Check Status of Business License](#)
- Building Permits (Development Services Center)
 - [Apply for Building Permit](#)
 - [Check Status of Building Permit](#)
- City Codes
 - [Building Code \(Development Services Center\)](#)
 - [Fire Code \(Fire & Rescue\)](#)
 - [Las Vegas Municipal Code](#) 
 - [Title 19 Zoning Code \(Planning & Development\)](#)
- Doing Business with the City (Purchasing Department)
 - [Bid Opportunities](#)

[Approved for Non-Restricted Gaming](#)



- [Las Vegas Valley](#)
- [Medical District Land Use](#)
- [Redevelopment Area](#)



Facts & Demographics

- [Demographics](#)
- [Community](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Tourism](#)
- [Industry](#)
- [Business Guide](#)



Business Outreach Programs

- [Business Guide](#)
- [Business Retention & Expansion Survey](#)
- [Business Solutions](#)
- [On-Site Visit Program](#)
- [Retail Assistance Program](#)



- [Minority Business Directory](#)
- [Supplier Diversity Program](#)

Publications

- [2020 Master Plan](#)
- [Business Guide](#)
- [Downtown Centennial Plan](#) [8.29 MB]
- [Downtown Centennial Plan Brochure](#)
- [Downtown Las Vegas Visitors Guide](#)
- News Releases - Business-Related
 - [City Redevelopment Projects Create More Than 3,000 Jobs in 2010](#)
 - [Public Comment Sought On Brownfields Grant Application](#)
 - [Three Fremont East Businesses Hold Sept. 29 Ribbon Cuttings](#)
 - [City Council Approves Marketing-Promotional Contract For Fremont East](#)
 - [Redevelopment Agency Seeks Citizen Advisory Volunteers](#)
 - [Free Seminars Teach Established Entrepreneurs New Business Tricks](#)
 - [Plans Moving Forward For Business Incubator In West Las Vegas](#)
 - [More City of Las Vegas News Releases...](#)

Finance



The Department of Finance provides [financial information and reporting](#), business license services and procures goods and services for the city.

Services & Information

Contact the Finance Department for:

- Information about [doing business with the city](#)
 - [Sewer bill payments](#)
- [Parking ticket payments and hearings](#)
 - [Financial reporting](#)



Fire and Rescue




Las Vegas Fire & Rescue provides all fire suppression, prevention and education programs in the city. The department also provides bomb squad, hazardous materials, emergency medical and emergency management services.

Services & Information

Las Vegas Fire & Rescue:


- [General information](#)  about the department, personnel, equipment and services
- distributes [media releases](#) and public information
- fulfills requests for [official fire reports](#)  and records
- provides emergency information and [public education](#)
- maintains [fire ordinances](#) and regulations
- provides related inspection [reports](#) and permit information

[View real-time emergency calls](#)  by Las Vegas Valley firefighters and rescue personnel.

[2011 LVFR Citizens Fire Academy Application & Information](#) 

[Special Event Planning](#) 

Fire Prevention Division [plans check status](#)

Fire Prevention [Hazard Abatement / Complaint Form](#) 

Fire Prevention schedule of [project inspections](#) during specific stages of the building process


Human Resources



Human Resources is responsible for organizational development, recruitment and staffing, classification and compensation management, and employee training and development for the city.

Services & Information

Contact the Human Resources department for:

- [Employment](#) and to [check status of job test scores](#)
- [Benefits](#)
- [Job descriptions and salary information](#) (opens in a new browser window)
- [Non-Discrimination in Programs and Services](#) 

Information Technologies

The Department of Information Technologies manages the city's computer systems and technology needs.



Services & Information

Information Technologies:

- Delivers city services and information to the public using technology (internet, telephone systems, etc.)
- Develops, acquires and supports the city's business systems
- Manages and maintains the technical infrastructure (computers, networks, internet, communications equipment, etc.)
- Provides Geographic Information Systems (GIS) [maps](#)

Municipal Court



The Las Vegas Municipal Court is a Court of Record with jurisdiction over traffic violations, criminal misdemeanor offenses, municipal code ordinance infractions and civil ordinance actions (not exceeding \$2,500) that occur within Las Vegas city limits. [Elected judges](#) represent the six departments.

Pay Your Ticket Online

If you have a ticket with Las Vegas Municipal Court, you can now look up how much you owe and find information on what you need to do to [pay your citation/ticket online](#).

Court-Ordered Programs






Sentenced to Traffic School? Impulse Control Classes? DUI? House Arrest? [Learn more about Las Vegas Municipal Court-Ordered Programs](#).

Services & Information

Tickets/Citations

- [Traffic Ticket/Citation](#) - examples include speeding, improper lane change and other moving violations
 - Make an [installment payment on an existing plan](#)
- [Criminal Misdemeanor Offense](#) – examples include DUI, battery, domestic violence, vagrancy, barking dog and prostitution
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Citations](#)
- [Warrants](#)

Records

- [Records Research](#) 
- Seal Records Information Packet
 - [Sealing of Records Procedural Outline](#) 
 - [Stipulation to Seal Records](#) 
 - [Petition to Seal Records](#) 
 - [Order Sealing Records](#) 

Programs

Court-Ordered

- [Traffic School](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- [Domestic Violence](#)
- [Driving Under the Influence \(DUI\)](#)
- [Evaluation Center](#)
- [First Offender Prostitution](#)
- [House Arrest](#)
- [Impulse Control](#)
- [Petit Larceny](#)
- [Pre-Sentencing Investigation](#)
- [Substance Abuse](#)
- [Work Program](#)

Other Programs

- [Volunteer Program](#)

Operations and Maintenance



The Operations and Maintenance Department oversees the maintenance of public roadways, parks and buildings as well as the city's vehicle fleet to ensure community safety.

Services & Information

Operations and Maintenance is responsible for:

- the acquisition, maintenance and repair of the city fleet of vehicles and equipment.
- maintenance of more than 150 city buildings.
- maintenance and cleanliness of more than 40 parks.
- general street and right of way maintenance on roughly 1,250 miles of roadway in Las Vegas including [street sweeping, and storm drain, flood control and sanitary sewer system maintenance](#).
- review and approve private maintenance requirements.

For information on related items such as traffic devices such as [traffic signals and stop signs](#), [city engineering](#), capital improvements projects and [wastewater treatment](#), visit the [Public Works Home Page](#).

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services



City of Las Vegas To Hire Spring And Summer Lifeguards

The city of Las Vegas will hire lifeguards for the spring/summer 2011 swimming season in February and April. Applications are being accepted now at the Municipal Pool, located at 431 E. Bonanza Road. Tryouts will be scheduled at dates yet to be determined; applicants will be notified.

Free Help For Homeowners Facing Foreclosure

Visit StopNVForeclosures.org  to be connected with a local HUD-approved counseling agency.

Corporate Challenge 2011

Corporate Challenge 2011 kicks off on March 23, 2011 with the annual opening ceremonies. For more information on this exciting program, visit the [Corporate Challenge Web page](#).

Services & Information


Neighborhood Assistance

- [Neighborhood Grants](#)
- [Nonprofit Grants](#)
- [Neighborhood Associations](#)
- [Neighborhood Programs](#)
- [Homeless Services](#)
- [Foreclosure Assistance](#)

Active Adult / Senior Programs

- [Active Adult / Senior Activities](#)
- [Senior Centers](#)
- [Senior Citizens Law Project](#)
- [Senior of the Quarter](#)
- [Senior Citizens Advisory Board](#)

Recreation and Community Centers

- [Recreational Activities](#)
- [Register for Classes](#)
- [Facility Listing](#) / [Map](#) 

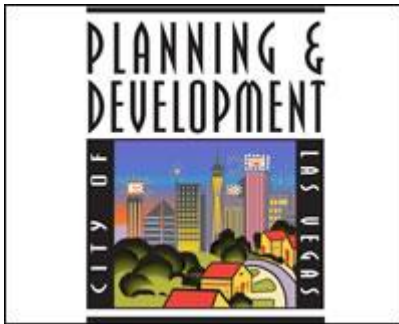
Parks, Trails and Open Spaces

- [Park Listing](#) / [Map](#) 
- [Interactive Park Finder](#)
- [Trails Map](#) 

Youth Programs

- [Youth Sports Leagues](#)
- [Safekey](#)
- [Batteries Included](#)
- [YNAPP](#)
- [PALS](#)
- [Youth Council](#)

Planning and Licensing



The Planning Department prepares and implements plans to administer and recommend entitlements, and offers advice about development that will enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Las Vegas. It provides information on current planning, which deals with zoning and development reviews; and comprehensive planning, which deals with long range planning issues and data.

Special Announcements

The Planning Commission will generally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m in 2011.

Please provide [comments](#) on the proposed City of Las Vegas Unified Development Code.

To obtain a copy of a Planning Commission or City Council final action letter please click [here](#).

Services & Information

The Planning Department:
Manages the

- [Land Use & Project Development Application Requirements](#) for new residential and commercial projects, tenant and home improvements and expansions
- [Zoning Code and Recently Adopted Ordinances \(Title 19\)](#)
- [Subdivision Ordinances \(Title 18\)](#)

Conducts comprehensive planning and
prepares the

- [Master and Special Area Plans](#)

Responsible for

- [Outside Agency Plan Reviews](#) | [Instructions](#) 

Staffs the

- [Planning Commission](#) and [Historic Preservation Commission](#)

Creates

- [planning maps](#)
- [newsletters](#) and [brochures](#)
- [statistical reports](#) and
- [special publications](#)

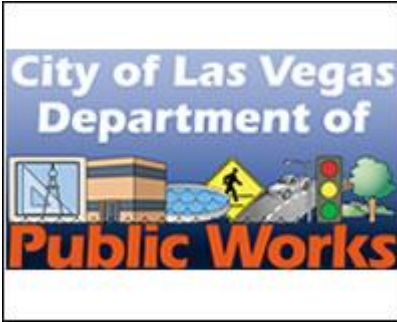
Hosts City Council and Planning Commission
joint workshops

- [September 20, 2010](#)

Provides [Business licensing](#)

- [Apply](#)
- [Pay](#)
- [Search existing business licenses/new licenses issued](#)
- [Privilege licensing](#)

Public Works



The Public Works Department plans, designs, constructs, operates and maintains city public use facilities, roadway and traffic network, wastewater and storm water management systems and regulates private development.

Services & Information

The Public Works Department:

- manages [wastewater treatment](#) for the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas at [three city facilities](#).
- is responsible for the safe and orderly movement of vehicles and pedestrians through a number of different traffic devices including [traffic signals, stop signs, school zones and school flashers, and speed humps](#).
- Provides architectural services and real estate services for the city through the Engineering Integration Division. This includes overseeing [Special Improvement Districts](#).
- Provides [engineering services for the city through the City Engineer Division](#).
- Manages the news rack program including permitting and compliance. For more information contact Traffic Engineering at 229-6327.

For related information including street sweeping, maintenance of city vehicles and facilities, visit the [Operations and Maintenance Home Page](#).

Planning Commission

- Makes recommendations to the City Council on city's Master Plan, zonings and other related issues, and makes final decisions on subdivision maps.
- Generally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- [Current membership listing](#) 📄
- [Planning Commission 2011 Meeting Schedule](#) 📄



From left to right: Vice Chairman Steven Evans, Chairman Ric Truesdell, Vicki Quinn, Todd Moody, Byron Goynes, Gus Flangas, Glenn Trowbridge



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

2011 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Pre-Application Conference Request Deadline	Application Closing Day	Planning Commission Meeting Date	City Council Meeting Date
November 19, 2010	December 9, 2010	January 25, 2011*	February 16, 2011
December 2, 2010	December 23, 2010	February 8, 2011	March 16, 2011
December 23, 2010	January 20, 2011	March 8, 2011	April 6, 2011
February 3, 2011	February 24, 2011	April 12, 2011*	May 18, 2011
March 3, 2011	March 24, 2011	May 10, 2011	June 15, 2011
April 7, 2011	April 28, 2011	June 14, 2011	July 20, 2011
May 5, 2011	May 26, 2011	July 12, 2011*	August 17, 2011
June 2, 2011	June 23, 2011	August 9, 2011	September 7, 2011
July 7, 2011	July 28, 2011	September 13, 2011	October 19, 2011
August 4, 2011	August 25, 2011	October 11, 2011*	November 16, 2011
September 1, 2011	September 22, 2011	November 8, 2011	December 7, 2011
October 6, 2011	October 27, 2011	December 13, 2011	January 18, 2012
November 3, 2011	November 23, 2011	January 10, 2012	February 15, 2012
December 8, 2011	December 29, 2011	February 14, 2012	March 7, 2012

Applications MUST BE submitted by 2:00 P.M. on CLOSING DAYS
Applications WILL BE accepted until 4:00 P.M. on NON-CLOSING DAYS
 Call (702) 229-6301 for additional information

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Planning Commission Duties and Responsibilities

Chapter 2.44 PLANNING COMMISSION

Sections:

2.44.010 Established--Composition--Compensation--Qualifications.

2.44.020 Term--Removal--Vacancies.

2.44.030 Chairman--Staff--Planning Director.

2.44.040 Master Plan preparation.

2.44.010 Established--Composition--Compensation--Qualifications.

(A) There is created the City Planning Commission to consist of seven members appointed in accordance with LVMC 2.44.020 and NRS 2.78.040.

(B) Each member of the Planning Commission shall receive from the City, as and for compensation for his or her services thereon, the sum of eighty dollars for each meeting of the Commission that he or she actually attends.

(Ord. 5409 § 1, 2002; Ord. 5193 § 1, 2000; Ord. 3940 § 1, 1995; Ord. 3311 §§ 1, 2, 1987; Ord. 1632 § 1, 1973; Ord. 567 § 1, 1953; prior code § 2-2-1)

2.44.020 Term--Removal--Vacancies

(A) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (B) of this Section. The term of each appointed member shall be four years or until his successor takes office, and any vacancy occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term must be filled for the unexpired term.

(B) Each member of the City Council shall be entitled to recommend one person for appointment to the Planning Commission, subject to the approval of the Council. Recommendations shall be on a rotating basis, in the order agreed upon by the Council. If in a particular case the Council does not vote to appoint the recommended person, the member of the Council who made the recommendation shall be entitled to make successive recommendations until a recommended person is appointed by the Council. Beginning with appointments which are to become effective on or after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this Section, the term of each member of the Planning Commission is coterminous with the term of the member of the Council who recommended the appointment. If the recommending Council member resigns from office before the expiration of his or her term, the corresponding member of the Planning Commission may continue to serve until the office is next filled by election. If the office of the recommending Council member becomes vacant before the expiration of the term for any other reason, the corresponding member of the Planning Commission may continue to serve for the duration of the original term.

C. No incumbent member or former member who has served at least two consecutive full four-year terms shall be eligible for appointment to a further term until at least two years have elapsed since the expiration of his or current term or most recent term, as the case may be.

D. Members may be removed after a public hearing, by a majority vote of the City Council, for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

2.44.030 Chairman--Staff--Planning Director

(A) The Planning Commission shall elect annually a Chairman from its appointed members.

(B) It shall have power and authority to employ technicians, clerks and a secretary, and to pay for their services and for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper.

(C) The City Manager may appoint a Director of Planning or a Planning Engineer who shall be a department head. All employees of said Department shall be governed by any appropriate civil service laws pertaining to the City.

(Ord. 567 § 4, 1953; prior code § 2-2-4)

2.44.040 Master Plan preparation

(A) It shall be the function and duty of the City Planning Commission to prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the City. Such plan shall be known as the Master Plan, and shall be so prepared that all or portions thereof may be adopted by the legislative body as the basis for the development of the City, for such reasonable period of time next ensuing after the adoption thereof as may be practically covered thereby.

(B) The Master Plan, with the accompanying map, diagrams, charts, descriptive matter and reports, shall include the subject matter contained in 278.160 NRS, as is appropriate to the City; provided, however, that any existing comprehensive long-term general plan for the physical development of the City may be incorporated into the future plans of the City Planning Commission.